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Subject: Microsoft is a monopoly

Microsoft MUST donate the proposed money (1 billion dollars) in cash and NOT as Windows OS and hardware. It will only help it become stronger and give it an opportunity to capture education market which will defeat the main purpose of this case against them.

Microsoft had brought some executives as witness to support that it is not a monopoly but those witnesses stand to gain by supporting Microsoft. For example, CEO Doug Burgum of Great Plains Software has always tried hard to be acquired by Microsoft. I know this for fact becasue I have been Great Plains consultant for almost 10 years. Now that Microsoft acquire it for a cool 1.1 Billion dollars only makes the case stronger. Doug Burgum's statements support should be questioned. He is the direct beneficiary by supporting Microsoft. He doesn't care for the technology industry. Similarly Michael Dell stands to gain from a better partnership with Microsoft and therefore supported them. Again not caring that such monopoly is not good to American consumers.

If Microsoft is set free, than DOJ should allow De Beers to operate in America--justice should be equal for all.

I can go on and on...

Best Regards, Dan Pahlajani

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